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<p>1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)) <input type="checkbox"/> publication of the international application (Rule 12.4) <input type="checkbox"/> international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)</p> <p>2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the international application as originally filed/furnished <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the description: pages <u>1-16</u> as originally filed/furnished pages* <u>1a, 1b</u> received by this Authority on <u>11.03.2005 with the letter of 09.03.2005</u> pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the claims: nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19 nos.* <u>1-5</u> received by this Authority on <u>11.03.2005 with the letter of 09.03.2005</u> nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the drawings: sheets <u>1/5-5/5</u> as originally filed/furnished sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____ sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____ <input type="checkbox"/> a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing. <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the description, pages _____ <input type="checkbox"/> the claims, nos. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> the drawings, sheets/figs _____ <input type="checkbox"/> the sequence listing (specify): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the description, pages _____ <input type="checkbox"/> the claims, nos. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> the drawings, sheets/figs _____ <input type="checkbox"/> the sequence listing (specify): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____</p> </p>	

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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

This report makes reference to the following document:

D1: DE 199 15 253 A (BOSCH GMBH ROBERT)
5 October 2000 (2000-10-05)

D1, which is considered to represent the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1, discloses (the references in parentheses are to this document):

A braking system for vehicles (see column 3, lines 5-9, and figure 2) with at least one first braking circuit (microcomputer 1 inside unit 10, together with the wheel brakes controlled by this microcomputer, see column 3, lines 9-16, see also column 4, lines 7-14) and at least one second braking circuit (microcomputer 2 inside unit 10, together with the wheel brakes controlled by this microcomputer), wherein each of the two braking circuits has an electrical open loop, each of which has a control electronics system (10), a dedicated power supply device (E1 or E2, see column 3, line 11 and column 3, line 64 to column 4, line 6) and brake actuating devices (50, 52, 54, 56) controllable by the control electronics systems, wherein at least one brake actuating device is

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controllable by more than one control electronics system (in this case, for example, by control electronics systems 58 or 10).

The subject matter of claim 1 differs from the closest prior art (D1) in that the braking circuits are electrically controllable by a service braking system valve, wherein the service braking system valve has two electrical brake sensor devices, each of which is connected to the control electronics systems in a mutually galvanically isolated manner.

The subject matter of claim 6 is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

The problem addressed by the present invention may therefore be considered that of providing an improved generic braking circuit which is electrically controllable by a service braking system valve.

The solution to this problem proposed in claim 1 of the present application involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)). The reasons are:

None of the prior art documents discloses a solution wherein the service braking system valve has two electrical brake sensor devices, each of which is connected to the control electronics systems in a mutually galvanically isolated manner.

Claims 2-5 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore likewise meet the PCT requirements for novelty and

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inventive step.